

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
United States Army Infantry School
Ranger Training Brigade
Fort Benning Georgia 31905

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1 AUG 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Commander's Validation of Ranger School Prerequisites

1. Ranger candidates should not report for training until they have demonstrated proficiency in all Ranger Course Prerequisites (see enclosure 1).
2. Commanders are reminded of their responsibility to ensure that applicants are in top physical condition and meet all entrance requirements. They will accomplish this by certifying their soldier(s) in 26 Ranger Common Tasks within 90 days of that soldier(s) reporting to Ranger School (see Enclosure 2). Commander's Ranger School Prerequisite Certification will be recorded in memorandum format (see Enclosure 3) and signed by the candidate's Company Commander(s) certifying their proficiency in these tasks. Ranger candidates not certified by their sending unit Commander, or failing to provide the Ranger Training Brigade SRTAC with a memorandum of certification will not be admitted to the Ranger Course. All of the above listed enclosures and documents can be found on our web site at (<https://www.benning.army.mil/rtb>).
3. The first seven days of Ranger school [RAP (Ranger Assessment Phase) Week] assess individual readiness to participate in Ranger training. Students who successfully complete RAP Week will remain in training. Individuals who DO NOT demonstrate proficiency in course prerequisites (i.e., successfully complete RAP Week) will be released from training, and returned to their units.
4. The policies and procedures published in this memorandum will be effective on 1 August 2004.
5. POC for this is Ranger Training Brigade, DSN 784-6980, COM 706-544-6980

Clarence K.K. Chinn
COL, IN
Commanding

Enclosure 1 – United States Army Chief of Staff Message, dtd April 1997

1. Enlisted personnel. Ranger training is available on a voluntary basis for enlisted soldiers who are in the following MOSs:

11B - Infantryman

11C - Indirect Fire Infantryman

11H - Heavy Anti-armor Weapons Infantryman

11M - Fighting Vehicle Infantryman

12B - Combat Engineer (In companies that directly support Infantry battalions)

13F - Fire Support Sergeant (Habitually associated in direct support to Infantry battalions)

14S - Avenger Crewman (Habitually associated in direct support to Infantry battalions)

CMF 18 - Special Forces Personnel

19D - Cavalry Scout

19K - Armor Crewman

Those enlisted soldiers of any MOS or specialty assigned to Ranger Coded Positions within the 75th Ranger Regiment or Ranger Training Brigade may attend.

3. Commissioned officer personnel. Ranger training is available on a voluntary basis for officers in the following career management fields:

11A - Infantry Officer

12A - Armor Officers allocated against authorized 12C positions

12C - Cavalry Officers

13A - Battalion and Company Fire Support Officers (Habitually associated in direct support to Infantry battalions)

14B - Short Range Air Defense Officer (Habitually attached or in direct support to Infantry battalions)

18A - Special Forces Officer

21B - Combat Engineer (In companies that directly support Infantry battalions)

4. Those officers of any branch or specialty assigned to Ranger Coded Positions within the 75th Ranger Regiment or the Ranger Training Brigade may attend.

5. Enlisted applicants must have a standard score of 90 or higher in aptitude area CO and 12 months or more of active duty service remaining after the completion of the course IAW AR 600-214.

6. No security clearance is required.

7. No additional obligated service is incurred by active Army Commissioned Officers for attending the course.

8. Students are not required to be airborne qualified, but are encouraged to attend airborne training prior to attending Ranger School.

9. All personnel must bring complete health records, Ranger physical current within the last 12 months and current dental Panorex (or statement of currency and availability of Panorex film, in lieu of actual Panorex) signed by Company Commander or the sending unit's DENTAC supervisor.

10. Ranger qualified officers or NCOs should brief all Ranger school candidates on the course prior to their attendance. Applicants should concentrate on improving upper body strength and foot marching in properly fitted boots with a full rucksack, for distances up to 16 miles.

Enclosure 2 – SAMPLE TASK PROFICIENCY CHECKLIST

Task	GO/NOGO	DATE
Maintain M240B MG		
Load M240B MG		
Reduce stoppage M240B MG		
Prepare Range Card for M240B MG		
Operate and maintain M249 SAW		
Reduce stoppage M249 SAW		
Employ M18A1 Claymore Mine		
Place into operation and troubleshoot AN/PRC 119/119A		
Send a radio message using AN/PRC 119/119A		
Use Night Vision Devices (AN/PVS-4, 7, 14)		
Call for and adjust indirect fire		
Camouflage yourself and equipment		
Determine grid coordinates of a point on a military map		
Determine the elevation of a point on a military map		
Measure distance on a military map		
Determine a magnetic azimuth using a lensatic compass		
Determine azimuth by using a protractor		
Convert azimuths		
Orient a military map using a lensatic compass		
Orient a military map to the ground by map-terrain association		
Determine a location on the ground by terrain association		
Locate an unknown point on a map and on the ground by intersection		
Locate an unknown point on a map and on the ground by resection		
Navigate from one point on the ground to another point while dismounted (daylight)		
Navigate from one point on the ground to another point while dismounted (night)		
Practice preventive medicine		
Prepare M136 launcher for firing		
Operate AN/PSN-11 (PLUGGER)		
Ranger APFT		
PUSHUPS (minimum 49)		
SITUPS (minimum 59)		
2 MILE RUN (minimum 15:06)		
PULLUPS (minimum 6, palms facing inward)		

Combat Water Survival Test		
15 Meter Swim w/BDUs, Boots, LBE, and weapon		
3 Meter Drop		
Equipment Removal		
5 MILE RUN (Min. 40:00, 8 mins per mile, in formation)		

Enclosure 3 – SAMPLE MEMORANDUM OF COMMANDER’S CERTIFICATION
OF RANGER CANDIDATE

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, 195th Infantry Division (L)
Headquarters and Headquarters Company
Fort Daniel B. Huggins, South Carolina 29536

ABCD-E-F

25 Dec 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Certification of Ranger Task Proficiency

1. The below listed individual(s) have been tested and found proficient in the standard 26 Ranger Tasks, IAW the Ranger Training Brigade Academic SOP:

Cochran, Johnnie SGT 123-45-6789

Smith, Barney SPC 987-65-4321

2. These soldiers have also passed the following physical qualification tests within 90 days of reporting to Ranger School:

-APFT (minimum 70 points per event, using the 17-21 age group)

-Combat Water Survival Test consisting of:

15 Meter Swim

3 Meter Drop

Equipment Removal

-5 Mile run in 40 minutes or less in formation

3. Myself, or my duly appointed representative has inspected and confirmed that this soldier departed with all items of equipment on the Ranger School Packing List, to include complete medical records with current Ranger qualified physical exam, and current dental Panorex or statement of Panorex availability and currency.

4. POC for this memorandum is the undersigned, DSN 123-4567.

JOHN A. SMITH
CPT, IN
Commanding